

Creating A Neighborhood Food Culture

This brief overview includes a brief look at main points made in the presentation, glossary of terms and concepts important to the presentation along with links to explore in more detail, items touched on in the presentation.

A small part of the River Road Neighborhood in Eugene is host to an unusual set of qualities.

- 1] A benign climate – great for growing a wide range of fruits, vegetables, brambles, nuts and perennial food plants
- 2] Property sizes range from a quarter acre to full acre. The area has a rich agricultural history.
- 3] The soil is Malabon, rich alluvial soil thanks to the nearby Willamette River.
- 4] By good fortune, a number of more recent residents, living within blocks of each other, recognize a set of social, economic, environmental, cultural benefits to be gained by taking care of more of life's needs closer to where they live - food, energy, water, social, economic.

Each panel member has learned a great deal about local food culture. Each has an important niche within the larger realm of social, economic and cultural transformation. Each would like to share what they are learning and encourage others to make these kinds of efforts where they live.

Main points of the presentation

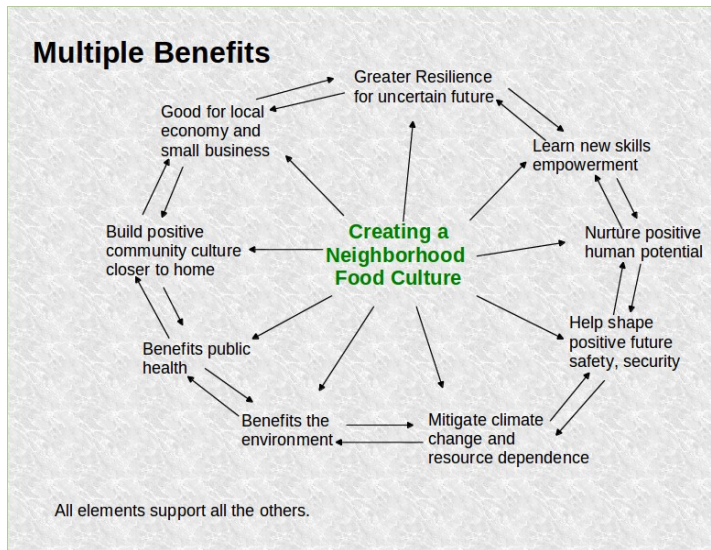
- 1] Citizen grass roots activism, at times challenging mainstream concepts of mainstream social and land use protocol, will be the pioneers for social, economic and cultural innovation for creating ways for taking care of human needs that fit far better the historical, economic and environmental trends of our times.
- 2] Making new and creative use of familiar social and geographic assets is a core aspect of creating a neighborhood food culture.
- 3] Suburbia, in many diverse locations, presents itself a widely accessible venue for creating neighborhood food culture.
- 4] Initiative for building a healthy local food culture rests with citizens themselves. Governmental relationships related to these grass roots initiatives can be both helpful and problematic.
- 5] Producing more food locally presents itself as a powerful means for nurturing a wide range of grass roots actions from home owners, faith communities, ad hoc groups and community organizations. Actions based on food can be expanded to touch on a wide range of social and economic initiative.
- 6] Benefits from taking these actions are many. They can be a remarkable boost for the local economy. They encourage positive human potential, reduce our ecological footprints and make our communities safer, more secure and resilient.

Terms used --- Add terms you consider important from your part of the prez

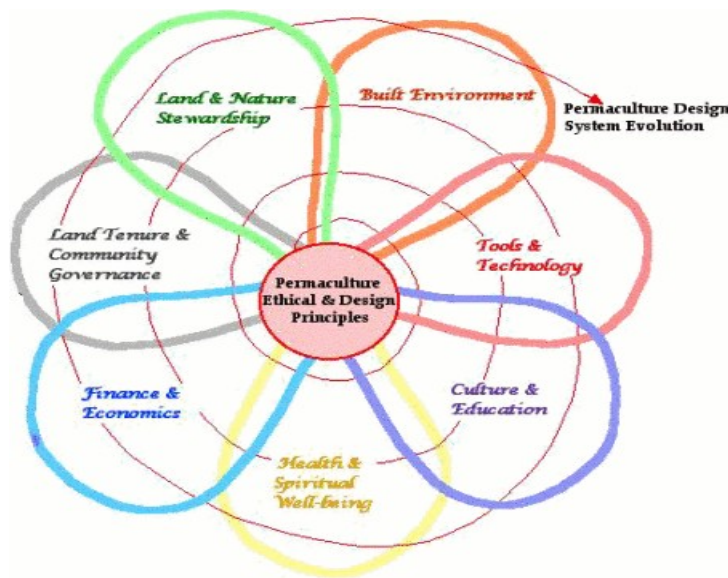
Transformation – Learning to live within our economic and environmental means

Civic Culture – A desirable condition where citizens and residents of a place are actively engaged in enhancing the well being of where they live.

Multiple benefits – Home, neighborhood and community transformation can address virtually every social, economic and environmental trend and challenge of our time.



Permaculture – A holistic set of design ideals and principles for taking care of human needs in ways that are friendly to people and planet



This permaculture graphic can be found on line. Permaculture is far more than a way to grow food.

Green Preparedness – Local produced food, energy, water make our communities safer, more secure and resilient. Front yard gardens are a great fit for Neighborhood Watch. Home food production, water catchment, solar energy, neighbors knowing each other is “green preparedness.”

Citizen initiative - grass roots actions for bringing about positive social, economic and environmental outcomes. Including work parties, green bike tours, front yard gardens,,,,,,

Links -

www.suburbanpermaculture.org - a website documenting the transformation of a quarter acre suburban property – many before and now fotos,, also text, foto galleries for encouraging transformation of suburban properties. Interested in Jan as a guest speaker, live or over the internet, info for making arrangements found at this web site.

Search “permaculture” and “suburban permaculture” - You Tube and Google for more info.

Search “food forest” on the internet to learn more about this landscape design approach

Search “community supported agriculture”

Prout Institute - <http://www.proutinstitute.org/index.html> PROUT is a new and comprehensive socioeconomic theory intended to create opportunity for every human being to fully develop and constructively express their physical, mental and spiritual potentials.